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Writer with strong multimedia skills and a passion for political and business reporting.

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CORE SKILLS AND COURSES

- **Languages:** Finnish (native), English (fluent), French (conversational), Swedish (conversational)
- **Skills:** Multimedia (iNews, Radioman QEP, Audacity, Central) Investigative (Tableau, Open refine, Facepager)
- **Summer Investigative Reporting Course**, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, July 2019. Attended as a Fellow of Helsingin Sanomain Säätiö.

REFERENCES

LynNell Hancock, Master's Thesis Advisor, Director of Spencer Fellowship Program, Columbia University
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Nicholas Lemann, Professor of Journalism, Dean Emeritus, Columbia University
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Elina Ravantti, Director General of Communications at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

POST-GRADUATE REPORTING FELLOW, NEW YORK, USA

Pulitzer Center, October 2020 -

- I will follow the ongoing effort to create the first credit union in the U.S. designed to serve formerly incarcerated people. The nonprofit coalition in New York hopes to help the 20 million Americans with past felonies overcome financial obstacles presented by traditional banks.

FOREIGN NEWS REPORTER, HELSINKI, FINLAND

Public Service Broadcasting Company YLE, January 2016 - August 2019

- Worked as a broadcast journalist, a writer and an online editor for the foreign news desk. I covered mostly EU and international politics.
- Reported stories that were among the 10 most read of the year when published (Social benefit system in the UK, healthcare in the Netherlands, suicide crisis in Attawapiskat First Nation).
- In charge of creating Instagram content in the EU elections.

DOMESTIC POLITICS & BUSINESS REPORTER, HELSINKI, FINLAND

Helsingin Sanomat, June 2013 - December 2015

- I covered domestic politics, consumer economics and was in charge of producing the weekly consumer economic pages. I also worked as a sub-editor for politics, business and foreign news, and I was in charge of re-designing the solely digital evening edition of the paper.
- Helsingin Sanomat is the largest subscription newspaper in the Nordic countries.

BUSINESS REPORTER, HELSINKI, FINLAND

Talouselämä, May 2012 - September 2012

- Summer contract reporter for the economic journal Talouselämä, Finland's largest financial weekly. I reported on business news, the stock market and investing, all the while learning a lot about financial reporting from great editors.

NEWS REPORTER / WEB PRODUCER, KUOPIO, FINLAND

Savon Sanomat, April 2009 - September 2011

- I started as a reporting intern, then continued working as a news reporter. In addition to news stories I got to write editorials and features, too. I created and produced a new section to the website with the aim to reach younger female readers.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, N.Y.

Graduate School of Journalism, May 2020

Master of Arts in Political Journalism. Graduate-level courses in investigative journalism, understanding and analyzing current human rights issues in the United States, the role of race in the criminal justice system in the U.S., and the history of drug policies in the U.S. Master's thesis: Long-form story on voting rights of former felons in Florida and the legal battle over the amendment that meant to bring 1.4 million felons back to Florida's voter rolls.

JYVASKYLAN YLIOPISTO, JYVÄSKYLÄ, FINLAND

Department of Communication, June 2016

Master of Arts in journalism. Graduate-level courses in Political science, French language and culture. Spring 2013 Erasmus exchange in Université Sorbonne Nouvelle III (Paris, France) taking graduate-level courses in communication and literature. In my thesis I examined the lack of advancement for female journalists, doing dozens of in-depth interviews with journalists and employers.

JYVASKYLAN YLIOPISTO, JYVÄSKYLÄ, FINLAND

Department of Communication, May 2011

Bachelor of Arts in journalism. Learned practical journalism skills, ethics of journalism and basics of communication studies. Bachelor-level courses in psychology, political science, economics and dance pedagogy.